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1. Analysis of reports received during the preceding 12 months indicated that the preceding analysis of the organization and equipment of the artillery units of the Eighth Guards Army and the Third Shock Army either had not been valid or was no longer valid. The present analysis is based on all available information on arms [redacted] and personnel 25X1 strengths.
2. In addition to its AAA division, the rifle army has two artillery brigades directly subordinate to it. One is an AT artillery brigade and one is a mixed artillery brigade. The two motorized rifle corps also have one mixed artillery brigade each. All brigades are equipped with 76.2-mm field guns which are multiple-purpose guns. All brigades also have 100-mm AT guns which are most suitable for defense against armored assault. The other gun types assumed to belong to the brigades are provided to complete such other missions as interdiction, harassment, and demolition. Only the army AT brigade is considered a single purpose brigade, and the other brigade is suited to accomplish various types of fire missions.¹
3. A fairly complete analysis was made of the army AT brigades. It was definitely established that the home station of the AT brigade of the Third Shock Army is in Brandenburg and that of the AT brigade of the Eighth Guards Army is in Altenburg. [redacted] This can be accounted for by the fact that these units possess a larger number of guns and employ a greater variety of movers. Most of the 76.2-mm guns are drawn by trucks, but half-track or full track vehicles are used to haul all other guns.
4. The TO & E of the mixed army artillery brigades is less clear. The existence of different armament was indicated; the brigade of the Third Shock Army is equipped with 122-mm cannons and 152-mm howitzers and that of the Eighth Guards Army with 152-mm gun howitzers. Because the mixed army artillery brigade of neither army has the personnel strength to justify three regiments and because of the gun types observed, the organization was analysed as outlined in Annex 1.

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The conclusions on the organization into battalions were also greatly influenced by an analysis [redacted] See paragraph 5. The figures on guns and personnel in Annex 1 are only conjectures as the available information is not sufficient to produce a definite estimate. Altengrabow (see paragraph 5), and Altonburg were identified as the home stations of the artillery brigades of the Third Shock Army and of the Eighth Guards Army respectively.

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5. The organization of the mixed corps artillery brigades, which are organized into regiments in the same way as the army AT brigades are, could be analysed almost as definitely as that of the army AT brigades.² As

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[redacted] it was definitely possible to establish from information [redacted] which brigades were organized into regiments and which into battalions. The organization of the 122-mm howitzer regiment is not definite. It is conceivable that this regiment has only 12 x 122-mm howitzers instead of 24, and therefore, it may have 12 x 152-mm howitzers. The home stations of the brigades of the XXVIII and of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps of the Eighth Guards Army in Jera and Merseburg and of the brigade of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps of the Third Shock Army in Burg were definitely established. The brigade of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps was previously carried in Altengrabow and, since May 1952, in Rostock but the present evaluation showed that this assumption was wrong. See also paragraph 7. A brigade stationed in the artillery barracks installation in Burg, which also quartered the AAA regiment of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps could, however, only belong to the corps. Armament and personnel strength make it appear logical that the army artillery brigade, the first regiment of which was up to this time carried at Burg, is actually wholly quartered in Altengrabow where only the second regiment has until now been carried. This conclusion is supported by the following: No separate billiting areas for such units have previously been observed; the entire brigade had probably been transferred from Magdeburg to Altengrabow in May; and observations in Altengrabow indicated the presence of an undivided brigade.

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6. Although there is no information proving that the IX Mtz Rifle Corps of the Third Shock Army has a mixed artillery brigade, the available information vaguely indicates that such a brigade exists, and individual reports have implied that such a brigade exists and is located in Schwerin. Its existence can also be concluded from the fact that the total of all motor vehicles carried with the brigades in the area of the Eighth Guards Army was about 100 greater than the total number of motor vehicles available in the area of the Third Shock Army. It can therefore be concluded that although the brigade of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps of the Third Shock Army has not been reported [redacted]

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[redacted] the 136th Gun Arty Regt was located in the Krueger and Moltke Kasernen in Schwerin.

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7. The brigade which had moved from Bernburg to Altengrabow and was transferred to Lostock in May 1952, was a separate unit. It was organized like the corps artillery brigades and was carried as assigned to the LXXIX Itz Rifle Corps until its transfer and

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8. As 45-mm and 57-mm AT guns were observed with all brigades, it is possible that training batteries or battalions equipped with these guns may exist in these brigades. As up to six 37-mm AT guns were observed in several home stations, there is the possibility that each brigade may have one battery equipped with six 37-mm AT guns for antiaircraft defense.

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1. Field Comment. See Annex 1.
2. Field Comment. See Annex 2.

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3. Comment: The conclusions as to the subordination of the 20th Army AT Arty Brigade and of the 3rd Guards Army AT Brigade do not seem to be convincing. In general, the apparent efforts of the collaters to establish a symmetrical pattern and to fit the evidence accordingly casts doubt upon the validity of some aspects of this analysis.

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<u>Units</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>43d (Gds) Army Arty Brig</u>	Barracks installation west of Leipziger Strasse, Altenburg
<u>44th Army Arty Brig</u>	Wardlager, Altengrabow
<u>20th Army AT Arty Brig (US)</u>	Flak Kaserne, Brandenburg

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<u>38th Army AT Arty Brig</u>	Barracks installation east of Leipziger Strasse, Altenburg
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<u>4th Gds Arty Brig (US)</u>	Krueger-Moltke Kaserne, Schmerin
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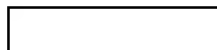
<u>76th Arty Brig (US)</u>	Flak Kaserne, Wersburg
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<u>304th Arty Brig (US)</u>	Artillerie Kaserne, Burg
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<u>308th Arty Brig (US)</u>	Rouss Kaserne, Jena
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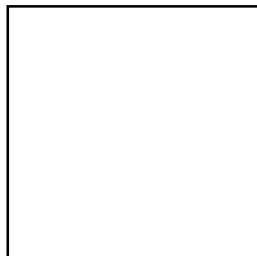
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Units

Location

3d Gds AT Arty Brig	Putlitz Kaserne and Ulmen Kaserne, Rostock
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